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Dear Mr Simpson

Re: **Thanks**

Just over three months ago you kindly undertook a laparoscopic repair of my inguinal hernia. I am delighted to be able to say that I have made a full recovery and it is some weeks now since I have experienced any appreciable discomfort, even after quite heavy exertion. This is a great outcome for me and I just wanted to take the opportunity of expressing my very sincere appreciation for the skill and professionalism with which you and your team dealt with my case. Your authoritative yet relaxed manner was a great reassurance to me and certainly helped me deal with the inevitable anxiety I had anticipating the procedure. Perhaps I should have known better than to be so concerned about a relatively minor intervention, but it seems that rationality takes a back seat when it comes to one's own health!

I would also like to note my appreciation for the expeditious way in which my referral was handled. In my view you and your colleagues in the Harrogate trust represent the very best of what makes the NHS such a great organization, despite the never-ending political and other pressures it faces. The staff in the Day Surgery unit were a pleasure and I have written to them separately to express my appreciation.

With my sincere thanks again, and very best wishes,